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Riverside Opera Summer Program Auditions

RIVERSIDE, **CA** – The City of Riverside invites Riverside residents to audition for the Riverside Opera Institute summer program for youth and adults.

"In Riverside, we celebrate arts and innovation and the Riverside Summer Opera Programs allows our residents to explore the arts through an operatic sound while developing their musical skills," Councilmember Andy Melendrez said. "The youth camp and master classes offer skill development in a variety of areas including vocal technique and stage presence.

On Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., auditions will be held for the 2013 City of Riverside Opera Institute for Youth and Adults. The Youth Opera Camp is open to elementary, middle, and high school students; some singing experience required. The Adult Master Class is open to ages 18 and up; substantial singing experience required. The fee to participate in the Opera Institute is \$40 per youth and \$75 per adult. Placement is by audition only and enrollment is limited.

The City of Riverside Opera Institute Youth Opera Camp & Adult Master Class will take place over two weeks July 8 - 19, 2013. The Youth Opera Camp is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The students will be involved in high-energy classes in vocal instruction, acting and movement. The Adult Master Class is from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. It will provide teacher and peer input for soloists and small groups perfecting their operatic skills. There will be culminating concert performance on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

New this year, YouTube and Vimeo auditions will be accepted. Send links to YouTube and Vimeo auditions to bflowers@riversideca.gov.

For more information or to sign-up for a 5-minute audition slot, contact Brenda Flowers, Arts & Cultural Affairs Project Coordinator, at 951-826-5408 or bflowers@riversideca.gov.